COLLEGE COUNCIL—FUNCTION OF

148. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the functions of the College Council in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(*b*) whether the Council had been called in the academic years 1116—1117 and 1117—1118;

(*c*) if called, when and for considering what points ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) To consider and report on any question concerning the College such as accommodation, preparation of budget, courses of instruction, promotion, discipline and such other subjects as may be referred to it by the Principal.

(*b*) Yes.

*(*c*) Please see statement appended.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether these meetings are to be called at the sweet will and pleasure of the Principal or whether there are rules guiding the calling of these meetings ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are certain directions given to the Principal. But they are in a way permissive. With your leave, Sir, I will read the College council rules. They are not many in number.

"1. The Council shall consist of the Principal and the Professors of the College for the time-being.

2. The Principal shall be the ex-officio President of the Council. The Council shall appoint one of its members as Secretary, and the member so appointed shall hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

3. (*a*) The Council shall be empowered to consider and report on any question concerning the College such as acommodation, preparation of budget, courses of instruction, promotion, discipline and such other subjects as may be referred to it by the Principal.

(*b*) It shall not, however, interfere with the general administration of the College which is vested in the Principal acting under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction, except when such authority is entrusted to it by the Principal or by the Director of Public Instruction.

4. The Council shall ordinarily meet on the first working Friday of each English month when the College is in session. Other meetings shall be held when summoned by the Principal under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction or on his own motion, or on the requisition of not less than two members.

Except in circumstances of clear and compelling necessity no less than three days' notice of a meeting shall be given to each member. The notice shall ordinarily be accompanied or followed by an agenda paper, showing the business to be brought before the meeting and any papers connected therewith.

6. The Principal or in his absence, the Senior Professor present, shall take the chair at all meetings of the Council.

7. Not less than a majority of the members of the Council shall form a quorum, and all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

8. A copy of the proceedings of every meeting of the Council shall be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for record, or for such orders as he may consider necessary the usual rule, therefore, is that ordinarily it shall be held on the first Friday of evary month. But from enquiries made not merely during the last one or two years but even in the past although there is this rule that it shall ordinarily meet once in a month very seldom there is any business to be transacted. So that in actual practice it has not been meeting every month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether there was any reason for not calling the College Council for considering the question of discipline which had to be considered during the months of August, September and October of 1942.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Rule (*b*) which I read shows that the Council shall not, however, interfere with the general administration of the College which is vested in the Principal. So it is open to the Principal either to call or not to call the College Council in connection with the maintenance of discipline. If he thought it necessary he might have called. If he thought it unnecessary he might not have called. Under the rules it is left to his option.

*See Appendix

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: So are we to take, Sir, that all the action that was taken with regard to the College in the months of August, September and October of 1942 was taken solely on the initiative of the Principal, in other words, not consulting the College Council?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The College Council may not have been formally consulted. My information is that quite a number of the staff have been consulted although not formally.

PROTECTION OF KOLE CULTIVATION—SCHEME REGARDING

149. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*:

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have formulated any scheme for the protection of Kole cultivation in the State;

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of the scheme and the amount estimated;

(*c*) what all arrangements have they made for the supply of crude oil to Kole cultivators for pumping operations;

(*d*) what is the price fixed for the oil;

(*e*) have the Government come to know that the Travancore Government have made considerable arrangements for helping the cultivators there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Storage of water in about 1,200 acres of land adjoining the Kole lands for supplementing the supply of water during the dry season. Estimated cost Rs. 13,000.

(*c*) As a result of the agreement arrived at after discussion between the agents of the oil companies, the President of the Kole Cultivator's Association and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the following arrangement was made.—

The companies' agents will open a depot in the Kole area and stock there sufficie ahnt qus of oil. The President of the Kole Cultivators' Association will issue a note to each cultivator, addressed to the Assistant Supply Officer, detailing the quantity of crude oil to be given to him. This note will be checked and countersigned by the Assistant Supply Officer and delivered back to the holder to be taken to the agent for receiving the supply. The above arrangement is now working well.

(*d*) The maximum price of crude oil (diesel oil) on 5th February 1943, stood as follows.—

Crude oil	In barrels	Rs. 22—6—0 per 40 gallons	} Naked oil in Ernakulam,
Do.	In tins	Rs. 2—6—9 per 4 gallons	} Mattancheri and Trichur

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: May I know whether there was any complaint from cultivators that they did not get crude oil?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not to my knowledge.

SALE OF FUEL IN TRICHUR

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ്. മണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

തൃശ്ശൂർ പട്ടണത്തിൽ കാട്ടുവിറകു കൊണ്ടുവന്നു വില്പാൻ കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന ലൈസൻസുകൾ ഇപ്പോൾ കാൻസൽ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എസ്സ്. വെങ്കിടേശ്വരൻ: ചില അഴിമതികൾ കാരണം തല്ക്കാലം നിർത്തൽ ചെയ്യുകയും പിന്നീടു വീണ്ടും തുടങ്ങുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ്. മണി: അഴിമതികൾ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടേയൊ അതോ വണ്ടിക്കാരുടേയോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എസ്സ്. വെങ്കിടേശ്വരൻ: വണ്ടിക്കാരുടെ അഴിമതികളാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഈച്ചരമേനോൻ: ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിലുള്ളവർക്കു വല്ല വിധത്തിലും വിറകു തരുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എസ്സ്. വെങ്കിടേശ്വരൻ: അതിനടുത്തുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ചിറ്റൂരിലേക്കു വിറകു സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടു്.

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APPENDIX

Answer to sub-division (c) of Question No. 148

STATEMENT

1116—1117

Date of the meeting	*Points considered*
4th July 1941.—	(*a*) To amend the rules of award to certain prices under the College Endowment Funds. (*b*) Election of the Secretary to the Council.
11th September 1941.—	To consider the distribution of the Budget allotments under "Science materials" and Library for 1117.
8th November 1941.—	(1) To consider the award of Prizes and Medals under the College Endowments and to appoint committees to conduct and judge the various competitions to be held under the Endowment Funds. (2) To consider the question of payment of subscription to the periodical "Nature" at the enhanced rate.
2nd January 1942.—	To consider the results of the Selection Examinations.
5th January 1942.—	To consider the preliminary arrangements to be made in the event of an emergency like an air raid.
24th February 1942.—	To consider the question of postponing the promotion examination of classes I and III to the re-opening week.
9th March 1942.—	To consider the arrangements that will have to be made in case the College Hostels and the buildings are required for accommodating A.R.P. Casuality cases.

1117—1118

27th June 1942.—	To consider the results of the Promotion examination of classes I and III.
4th September 1942.—	(1) To pass a condolence resolution on the demise of Mr. K. N. Pai, Ex-Principal of the College. (2) To consider the distribution of allotments under "Science Materials" and Library for 1118. (3) To consider the question of admission of children and relatives of members of the staff into the College.
4th December 1942.—	(1) To consider the question of award of Prizes and Medals and to appoint Committees to conduct and judge the various competitions under the endowment Funds. (2) To consider the motion tabled by the Professor of Mathematics to change the working hours of the College.
23rd December 1942.—	(Meeting in Circulation): To consider the award of the "Subramania Ayyar Memorial Prize".
28th December 1942.—	(1) To consider the results of the Selection Examinations. (2) To consider the award of the Rama Varma Shashtipoorthi Memorial Prize.

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